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RURAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY NETWORK
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) the present position of the scheme regarding setting up of Rural Information Technology Network;

(b) whether any problem has cropped up in the first phase of the new project; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SU THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a),(b) and (c): The Department of Information Technology, Ministry of Communications & Information Technology has implemented a scheme for setting up 487 Community Information Centres (CICs) atBlock Headquarters in the seven North-East States and Sikkim using Information Technology to accelerate socio-economic development of the region. The scheme is being implemented in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland,Tripura and Sikkim. 483 CICs havebeen setup till date. Barring the power problem, no major problem is experienced. In addition, National Informatics Centre (NIC)provides Network backbone and E-governance support to all the State and Central Government Departments upto Districts level.